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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION RIO DE JANEIRO BRASILIA BUENOS AIRES

MAY 21 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

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FOR ASST SEC KUBISCH

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SECVISIT LA:

REF RIO DE JANEIRO 1746 AND 1753

I DO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR THE SECRETARY TO CALL ON
PRESIDENT ALLENDE IN BUENOS AIRES. IF " NEXT STEPS" SCENARIO
APPROVED, SECRETARY MIGHT WISH TO ADVISE ALLENDE OF THIS. IF NOT,
VISIT COULD ESSENTIALLY BE A COURTESY CALL AND OPPORTUNITY FOR
ALLENDE TO PRESENT CHILEAN POSITIONS AND POINT OF VIEW. WHILE
SUCH A MEETING WILL INEVITABLY TOUCH OFF SOME SPECULATION HERE,
I BELIEVE THIS WILL NOT BE SERIOUS DIFFICULTY. SECRETARY' S
PUBLIC UNWILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH ALLENDE WOULD CAUSE CONSIDER-
ABLY GREATER PROBLEMS AND PRICK NATIONAL PRIDE ON BOTH SIDES OF
POLITICAL FENCE - ALREADY SENSITIVE TO CHILE' S OMISSION FROM
SECRETARY. S ITINERARY.

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AS ELEMENT IN YOUR CONSIDERATION, I MIGHT REPORT THAT ALLENDE REFERRED TO CHURCH HEARINGS IN SPEECH TODAY AT OPENING OF CHILEAN CONGRESS, REITERATING THAT USG INVOLVED IN ITT AFFAIRS BECAUSE CIA " ORGAN" OF USG. HE ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO US IMPERIALISM AND " BLOCKING" OF CREDIT. VIRTUALLY ALL OF 2- HOUR SPEECH WAS DEVOTED TO DOMESTIC POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS. CHILEAN GOVT SOURCES AND SOME DIPLOMATIC ONE ALLEGE SPEECH WAS CAST IN NOTABLY MODERATE TONE. COMPARED TO ALLENDE' S REMARKS IN NEW YORK, PERHAPS IT WAS.

ALLENDE PARTY, INCLUDING LETELIER, REPORTEDLY PLANNING DEPART SANTIAGO LATE MAY 22 OR MAY 23. IF SECRETARY DECIDES BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE THAT MEETING IS DESIRABLE, I COULD SET UP TIME AND PLACE WITH LETELIER. IN ANY CASE I THINK HE WOULD BE GOOD CHANNEL FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

I HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN TRAVELLING TO BUENOS AIRES AT ANY TIME IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND AM CONFIDENT BRANIFF WOULD ACCOMODATE ME. IF OVERNIGHT IN BUENOS AIRES IS INDICATED, I WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY GETTING ME A ROOM.

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